

Frederick County Commission on Aging

July 13, 2009

Frederick Community College, Administration Board Room, G206

Members attending: Susan Adams, Pete Allen, Steve Wilhide, Millard Haines, Virginia Skelley, Earl Beck, Robert Wannemacher, Lloyd Hoover, Harold Ehart, Louise Lynch, RaeAnn Butler, Burt Shawver, and John Kile.

Hal Ehart, Chair, called the meeting to order at 1 PM.

Hal began the meeting by describing the purpose and intent of the special meeting for the commission members. Hal reviewed the mission and purpose from the by-laws of the Commission on Aging. Discussion was held by those in attendance regarding the current activities and ways in which the COA is used advocating and working on behalf of Frederick County seniors.

Discussion was held regarding the current state of senior services in Frederick County, current economic and budget conditions for services, future services and programs as well as the value a needs assessment would serve for determining and allocating senior services.

Discussion was held regarding the relationship, past actions and level of participation of the COA regarding senior services and the Department of Aging. Members discussed the need for further reporting to occur from the COA to the Frederick Co. Board of County Commissioners (BOCC).

The following motion was made by Robert Wannemacher, seconded by Lloyd Hoover and passed unanimously by the members present. The Commission on Aging advocate more for seniors' needs by approaching the various senior programs, Department of Aging and BOCC meetings in accordance with the COA mission.

Those present discussed the need to receive more data regarding senior services in Frederick County. Local data could be used by the COA to evaluate current and future service needs for county seniors.

The following motion was made by Virginia Skelley, seconded by Sue Adams and passed unanimously by members present. The COA requests that the DOA provide monthly reporting data regarding the following programs and services during the Director's Report – SHIP program, MOW program, congregate meals, home delivered meals, Ombudsman program, information and assistance services, the Medicaid waiver program, housing services, senior centers and state reports made by the Frederick Co. DOA (containing all inclusive data and reports).

Discussion followed regarding the Senior Forum scheduled for October 13, 2009. A flyer was distributed for those present to take to other groups and organizations to begin disseminating information. Hal reported that Charlie Keller has confirmed support from AARP. The COA will begin to assemble the topics and questions that will be provided to the BOCC in advance of the Forum.

Hal requested that COA members visit senior groups and organizations to discuss the COA and the upcoming Senior Forum. Members should present information regarding the COA, that monthly meetings are open to the public and any current programs (i.e., Senior Forum).

Sue Adams spoke about the Senior Voices survey completed in 2004. Discussion was held regarding the need to have updated statistics regarding senior services, population figures, and economic conditions for seniors and income levels. The top recommendations from Senior Voices 2004 were reviewed to include property tax relief, road congestion and transportation, tax credit relief for spouses in LTC facilities and affordable senior housing. Sue is working on providing the COA and the BOCC a retrospective in advance of the Senior Forum based upon Senior Voices 2004.

Discussion was held regarding what other programs or organizations are providing services to seniors. Pete and Earl discussed their status in communicating with the Brunswick community and found a group called the BEACON group providing monthly activities. Those present completed a list of organizations in which they are members or participate that provide services, programs or advocacy for seniors. This list is assuming COA membership. See attached document. COA members should utilize these relationships to communicate the actions and work of the COA.

Name	Senior related Organization, Group
Louise Lynch	FCAA, State COA, USM, Crestwood Village
Sue Adams	FCC ILR, ESPC
Pete Allen	XYZ (church) group
Steve Wilhide	Frederick Co. Health Care Coalition
Millard Haines	Evangelical Reformed UCC
Virginia Skelley	Genesis Healthcare, USM, Dietician executives for LTC
Earl Beck	Citizens CRC, Montevue
Robert Wannemacher	AARP, NARFE
RaeAnn Butler	ESPC, Lifespan, FCC gerontology, Tri-county Administrators

Lloyd Hoover

Homewood, Frederick Co. retired school
personnel

Hal asked everyone to contact 2 –3 senior groups in the next month.

The nominating committee is to meet in the very near future to discuss the COA and board of officers. Several members' terms will end that will affect the current officer slate.

The next meeting is scheduled for August 10th at the Frederick Senior Center at 1 PM.

The meeting adjourned at 3 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

RaeAnn Butler

